

LEGAL NOTICE

Mt. Hood National Forest: Record of Decision for the Off-highway Vehicle Management Plan, including Forest Plan Amendment #17

The Record of Decision (ROD) for the Mt. Hood National Forest Off-highway Vehicle (OHV) Management Plan, including Forest Plan Amendment #17, has been signed by Forest Supervisor Gary Larsen. A *modified* version of Alternative 3 has been selected as the decision. The Selected Alternative includes approximately **146 miles** of designated OHV routes in four designated OHV systems (LaDee Flats, McCubbins Gulch, Mount Defiance, and Rock Creek). The ROD, along with maps of the Selected Alternative and the Final Environmental Impact Statement, is available on our website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/mthood/projects>.

Portions of this decision are subject to appeal pursuant to Forest Service regulations at 36 CFR Part 215. Under 36 CFR Part 215, an appeal may be filed on the portion of this decision that designates OHV roads, trails, and areas. Only individuals or organizations who submitted comments or expressed an interest in the project during the comment period may appeal. Any appeal of this portion of the decision must be in writing and fully consistent with the content requirements described in 36 CFR 215.14.

Also, portions of this decision are appealable under the Optional Appeal Procedures of the 2000 Planning Rule (formerly designated as 36 CFR Part 217). Under the Optional Appeal Procedures of the 2000 Planning Rule, an appeal may be filed on the decision to amend the Mt. Hood National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan to be in conformance with the Travel Management Rule. Other than Forest Service employees, any person or any non-Federal organization or entity may appeal. Any appeal of this portion of the decision must be in writing and fully consistent with the content requirements described in Section 9 of the Optional Appeal Procedures.

A written appeal must be postmarked or received by the Appeal Reviewing Officer (the Regional Forester) within 45 days of the date of publication of this legal notice of decision in *The Oregonian*. Appeals must be sent to: Appeal Deciding Officer, Attn: Appeals, P.O. Box 3623; Portland, OR 97208-3623; faxed to Regional Forester, Attn: Appeals at (503) 808-2339, or e-mailed to: appeals-pacificnorthwest-regional-office@fs.fed.us. Please put APPEAL and the name of the project in the subject line. Electronic appeals must be submitted as part of an actual e-mail message, or as an attachment in Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx), rich text format (.rtf), or portable document format (.pdf) only. E-mails submitted to addresses other than the ones listed above or in formats other than those listed or containing viruses, will be rejected. It is the responsibility of the appellant to confirm receipt of appeals submitted by electronic mail. Appeals may also be hand-delivered to the Pacific Northwest Regional Office, 333 SW First Avenue, in Portland between 8 am and 4:30 pm. Contact Michelle Lombardo at (503) 668-1796 for further information.

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